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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Kevin M. Burd

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. This office action, in response to the amendment filed 7/26/2005, is a non-final office action.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 9-11 of the remarks filed 7/26/2005 with respect to the rejections of claims, have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, new grounds of rejection are made in view of Tsuyoshi et al (US 4,949,325).
3. The drawings were received on 7/26/2005. These drawings are approved
4. The objection to the specification is withdrawn.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 15 and 16 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 15 discloses a second steering signal without first claiming a first steering signal. It is suggested that claim 15 depend on claim 14 instead of claim 13.

Claim 16 claims "the first steering signal". This limitation lacks antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 13-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsuyoshi et al (US 4,949,325).

Regarding claims 13, 19 and 20, Tsuyoshi discloses a method and circuit for recovering a data signal and a clock signal in figure 5. A signal (S1) is received and a data signal (17) and a clock signal (S4) are generated. The data signal and the clock signal (the output of element 19) are phase locked by measuring the phase difference (36). The phase compare delays the signal in element 19 and the delayed clock is input to the data demodulator 18 to generate the READOUT DATA. Tsuyoshi does not disclose the clock signal is generated from a resonator circuit. Tsuyoshi discloses using a VCO 15 in the PLL circuit that generates the clock signal from the input signal (S1). Crystal resonators are commonly used in these circuits and it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to utilize a simple and readily available clock circuit for the oscillator.

Regarding claims 14 and 21, Tsuyoshi discloses generating a signal output from the phase compare 36. This signal controls the delay element 19.

Regarding claims 15 and 22, Tsuyoshi discloses generating a signal based in the frequency difference (13) of an input clock and the clock (S4).

Regarding claims 16-18 and 23-25, Tsuyoshi discloses filtering the input to the VCO 15 in figure 5.

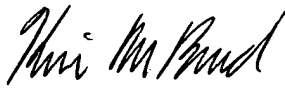
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin M. Burd whose telephone number is (571) 272-3008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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